

Center to pottery classes for children. Inspiring New Yorkers of all ages with its varied programs and classes, the 92nd Street Y has played a crucial role in maintaining the vitality of the city.

A successful businessman and philanthropist for many years, Matthew Bronfman joined the 92nd Street Y Board of Directors in September of 1991 and was elected its 42nd President in May of 2000. His strong leadership and vision have had an energizing influence in strengthening the 92nd Street Y.

The Bronfman family has also played a major role in the life of the Y by endowing, in 1992, the Bronfman Center for Jewish Life. The Bronfman Center has become the focus of the Y's many programs involved with Jewish education, outreach, family and holiday planning. The Center sponsors lectures, religious services, classes and workshops, all designed to help the community explore Jewish heritage and culture. Recent guest speakers include Elie Wiesel and Yitzhak Rabin.

A devoted father of six, Matthew Bronfman is managing director of a private investment company, ACI Capital, and chairman of the Investment Committee of the Challenge Fund, L.P. Mr. Bronfman is also a board member of many organizations including Tweeter Home Entertainment Group, Earnest Partners, Visiosonic, Palace Candles, The Canadian Center for Architecture, and the Cardigan Mountain School.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and leadership, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Matthew Bronfman, an accomplished businessman and a cultural leader.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington yesterday. Three recorded votes were taken by the House; if I were here, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 227: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 159, a resolution Expressing Profound Sorrow on the Occasion of the Death of Irma Rangel. I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall No. 228: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 195, a resolution congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for Hitting 500 Major League Home Runs. I would have voted "yea";

Rollcall No. 229: a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1465, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office". I would have voted "yea".

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GERALD THYGERSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct privilege to stand before this body to pay

tribute to a true public servant. Gerald Thygerson of Grand Junction, Colorado has spent 38 years improving the lives of ranchers and their livestock in the West. To commemorate his retirement from the Bureau of Land Management, I would like to recognize his efforts here today.

Gerald joined the BLM after graduating with a Bachelor of Range Science Degree from New Mexico State University in 1966. He worked in the Range Management Program his entire career—first in Las Cruces, New Mexico and then in Grand Junction, Colorado beginning in 1973. After taking control of the nascent Little Brookcliffs Wild Horse Range in 1981, Gerald greatly expanded the size, genetic diversity, and overall quality of the herd while simultaneously cutting costs. His success and ability to forge strong partnerships has brought him and the Little Brookcliffs Horse Range national attention.

Mr. Speaker, Gerald Thygerson has been responsible for numerous improvements that have enhanced both the quality of livestock and public rangelands in the West. He has been an outstanding steward of our nation's resources, and I thank him for his service to the BLM. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET AND ANDREW WYATT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret and Andrew Wyatt as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. On May 17, 2003 the pair renewed their vows at Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church in my hometown of Newark, New Jersey.

Marrying at a very young age, Margaret and Andrew have grown together over these past fifty years, enjoying times of great joy and happiness. Finding a special person and friend to share your life with is one of the great joys of life. The Wyatt's have found that special bond and continue to grow and change together.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today in congratulating Margaret and Andrew on this wonderful occasion and in wishing them many more wonderful years together.

TRIBUTE TO ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in honor of their Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The Springfield Diocese is home to approximately 170,000 Catholics in 164 parishes. The diocese is also home to 145 diocesan priests. There are eight Catholic hospitals, one religious seminary, one Catholic university, one

Catholic college, seven Catholic high schools, and 54 Catholic elementary schools in the diocese.

Today, I would like to send my blessings to Bishop Lucas and the entire Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois for a joyous celebration of their Sesquicentennial.

The Diocese will celebrate their year of Jubilee with a free fun-filled day on Saturday, June 28, 2003 with a community mass that evening. The day will include activities for children, families, and seniors at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The day will conclude with a concert from Aaron Neville. I would like to commend the sponsors of the event who are making this day possible for the hundreds of Catholic families in the Diocese.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the Diocese on their Jubilee 2003 Celebration and wish them much success with their events. I know every one who attends will feel renewed in their faith and ready to begin the next 150 years with thanksgiving for all we have been given. God bless.

CONCENTRATION OF OWNERSHIP IN MEDIA

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Communications Commission voted along party lines to put more power in the hands of a few corporate giants at the expense of the American people.

If the FCC's goal was to line the pockets of Disney, General Electric, AOL-Time Warner, Viacom, and News Corp. then I say to them "congratulations!" because they have succeeded.

By allowing these corporate interests to own more newspapers, more TV stations, more radio stations, and more of our public airwaves, we are taking this country down a dangerous path.

We all learned at a young age that knowledge is power. But now, the flow of knowledge will be controlled by a handful of media giants.

They will have almost total control of our news, information, and entertainment.

They will determine what we get and when we get it.

They will determine what we see, read, and hear. That is unacceptable!

And why have they done this?

They say that the rise of cable TV and the internet made the former rules obsolete.

That's the kind of conclusion you reach when the only people you listen to are media moguls.

Who is listening to the American people?

We have been shut out of the process.

In its haste to protect these company's financial interests, the FCC has failed to defend the public interest.

We must take action to right this wrong.

If we do not, our media will have less local content, less diversity of opinion, and fewer opportunities for minority ownership.

It is time for the American people to stand up and be counted. It is time for those who represent the American people to do the same.